

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 165

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Lanny Ross Wilkinson upon receiving the Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lanny Ross Wilkinson, an esteemed resident of White House, will receive the Community Service Award on March 29, 2007, at the White House Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Wilkinson has dedicated himself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of his fellow human beings and improving his community; and

WHEREAS, Lanny R. Wilkinson has succeeded in a wide range of endeavors through the application of his considerable talents; he worked for the Farmers Bank for over 40 years, where he earned the respect and admiration of both the business community and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Wilkinson's tenure at Farmers Bank, he served in many capacities, including Branch Manager, Loan Officer, Marketing Director, Senior Vice President, and Bank Director; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his superb leadership to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations in White House; and

WHEREAS, Lanny R. Wilkinson is known throughout the community for his contributions as a charter member of the White House Lions Club, for which he has served as President, Treasurer, and in other offices and has received numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson also has charter membership in the Rotary Club, for which he has served as Treasurer and from which he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, as a native of White House, Lanny R. Wilkinson has shown his concern for the community through his service on the Crime Stoppers of Sumner County and the White House Housing Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson is a devoted lifetime member of the FFA, from which he has received his American Farmer Degree and an Honorary Chapters Farmers Award; and

WHEREAS, other worthy organizations for which Lanny R. Wilkinson has served in key roles are the Robertson County Layman Club, the Boy Scouts, the Sumner County Vocational Education Advisory Council, and the White House Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson was recognized as the Citizen of the Year for 1993; and

WHEREAS, an active member of The United Methodist Church of White House, Lanny Wilkinson has devoted his time and talents to his church community through the years as Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Building Committee, Trustee, Financial Secretary, District Budget Committee, and Lay Member to Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless service to him community, Mr. Wilkinson also nobly served his State and Nation during a tour with the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, despite all of his many remarkable activities, Mr. Wilkinson still finds time to deliver Meals on Wheels, a service he has been providing since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Lanny Ross Wilkinson; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Lanny R. Wilkinson who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Wilkinson for his many contributions to the good people of

Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in White House;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Mr. Lanny Ross Wilkinson, upon receiving the White
House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, commend his outstanding record of
volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every
continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.